Board Meeting
November 12, 2015

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
RESOLUTION URGING AN END TO FISCAL 2016 BUDGET IMPASSE

WHEREAS, The University of Illinois is the State's flagship system for higher education and health care, one of Illinois' most vital assets, an investment by the State and its People for nearly one hundred and fifty years; and

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois' missions are to educate, conduct research, provide public service, and stimulate economic development, and to do so with excellence and broad scale at the local, State, national, and global levels; and

WHEREAS, the campuses in Urbana-Champaign, Chicago, Springfield, and regional sites have a combined total enrollment of approximately 80,000 students and annually award 20,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees—lifetime credentials of educational excellence; and

WHEREAS, the University's vast research portfolio ranks among the largest, most innovative, and world renowned; and University of Illinois students and faculty are among the best and the brightest; and

WHEREAS, University of Illinois health science colleges have for generations trained the health care providers of the future, and the University's hospital

and community health clinics provide care to residents of underserved neighborhoods and rural counties; and

WHEREAS, the footprint of the University of Illinois reaches statewide and into all 102 counties in Illinois, and the University is a powerful economic engine for the State, pumping $14 billion into the State's economy and supporting 176,890 jobs; and

WHEREAS, to preserve and advance the preeminence of the University of Illinois and to fulfill its multiple missions with excellence—particularly accessible, affordable, high-quality education for its students—the State must provide a responsible, adequate, and reliable level of fiscal support to the University of Illinois and all State public universities; and

WHEREAS, the University has undertaken initiatives to reduce and reprioritize spending to raise its efficiency and effectiveness, and to proactively plan for shared sacrifice as part of the State's effort to address Illinois' fiscal challenges;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the University of Illinois urges an immediate adoption of a fiscal 2016 State budget that will adequately provide critical State financial support for the educational programs, groundbreaking research, public service to society, and economic prosperity the University of Illinois provides to the State of Illinois, and

2. THAT this Resolution hereby signed by the Board of Trustees, shall be forwarded to the Governor, the Leaders of the General Assembly and the leadership of the higher education community.